

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 40

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO
12 REINSTATE THE STATE SUPERVISOR OF SPANISH.

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14 WHEREAS, the league of united Latin American citizens is
15 the nation's oldest and largest Latino membership organization,
16 and since its inception, it has fostered higher education and
17 advancement of all Hispanics at all levels and facets of our
18 American society; and

19 WHEREAS, before the United States achieved independence,
20 Spanish soldiers and colonists from Mexico established
21 settlements in New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, when New Mexico was ceded to the United States
23 following the war of 1846-1848, Spanish was the dominant
24 language, with an estimated sixty thousand Spanish-speaking
25 residents; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 1943, the position of state supervisor of
2 Spanish was created "to bring about an improvement in the
3 teaching of Spanish in the schools of the state and in order to
4 insure the retainment and the development of the Spanish
5 language, with a view of future inter-American relations"; and

6 WHEREAS, the law providing for the state supervisor of
7 Spanish was repealed in 1967; and

8 WHEREAS, the league of united Latin American citizens
9 supports the reinstatement of the law creating the state
10 supervisor of Spanish to promote the teaching of Spanish in the
11 schools of the state of New Mexico and to promote the
12 development of the Spanish language, with a view of future
13 inter-American relations;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor and the public education
16 department be requested to reinstate the position of state
17 supervisor of Spanish; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the league of united Latin American citizens,
20 the governor and the secretary of public education.